

ing, but I wish to ask for a day off, as I have some business to attend to. I see you look as though you doubted the business part, but I have real business nevertheless.

"And have I not reason to do doubt you, Tom?"

"You have indeed, Sir, but I am in earnest now, and if you wish I will explain."

"Well, please give your explanation."

"There was a little girl got lost last night, and as I happened to find her, I took her to my room, and I want to get to day off to hunt up her friends if possible. I have looked in all the morning papers but I cannot find any clue. She says that she is three years old, and that her name is Kitty, and that she never had any other name, except 'mama's little pussy.' She says she lived out among the trees, and had been traveling for a long time, and that her mother was sick, and they had to stop in Boston until she got all well again, it appears that some one, whom she calls mama's lady took her out to see the sights, and that she got lost in the crowd, she is well dressed, and I should think that her parents must be very wealthy, and I presume they are worrying about her."

"I gave him the day off, but did not expect to see him again for a week, but was greatly surprised to find him at work next morning."

"Good morning Thomas, pleased to see you, and looking so well too."

"Good morning Sir, yes, I am looking well, and feeling well also."

"Well how did you make out with your searches yesterday?"

"I visited a number of the hotels, and where I found a party that in any way corresponded to my little girl and her friend, I made enquiries."

"I am sorry to say, that, at the Tremont House, I found that I had discovered what was in search of the mother had left a note stating that she had sent the little girl Kitty out for a walk purposely, to get lost, she did, the note went on to say, because the mother intended to commit suicide, and if any one should find Kitty, she hoped they would, if honorable people, keep her as their own."

"Then you think that you have found the little orphan, do you?"

"Yes, Sir, I have found her, and I shall keep her, unless some one takes her from me, I have got my landlady to look out for her, and hereafter she shall be Kitty King; I have a few hundred dollars laid by in the bank, and hereafter I shall have something to encourage me to put up with it, and there is something to live for. Oh, Sir, if circumstances had only been different, I might have been a different man from what I am, I might have been an honor to mankind, instead of being an outcast, a worthless fellow, no good to myself or any one else, I might have been—I might have been—but never mind, but enough of that."

"I might have been, but let us see what will be, I shall try and do something for others. I am going to be a different man. I shall try and do so that in the future, if I live to be an old man, I can look back with pleasure, and not be obliged to say with the poet Burns,

"O man! while in thy early years,  
How prodigal of time!  
Mispending all thy precious hours,  
Thy glorious youthful prime!"

I will feel the responsibility of my new charge, and will be a man, and, Sir, I do not suppose you will believe me, but, as a beverage I have taken my last drink of intoxicating liquor, that, I have said, and I mean it, I have never made up my mind to it before, but there is my hand on it, no more drink for Tom King."

"Well said my boy, and I hope you will stick to your resolve, you will gain friends by it, that you know as well as I do, and not only will you gain friends by it, and be repaid financially, but your health and conscience will be better for it. I am satisfied that your landlady is a fine woman and will do right by the little one, or I would take it home and let my wife care for it."

"No, no, Sir, I want her myself. I want her to be near me. I spent yesterday afternoon in buying clothes, and fitting up a side room next to mine for her. I have got a crib, &c., and all she needs."

"If it had not been for drink I need not have been here now. You do not know, nor have I told any one in Boston of my real life. But enough of that. I will not bother you with any tales of a personal nature."

Tom King kept his word. No more was he seen around the bar-rooms. Such places knew him not. Time rolled on, as it has got a habit of doing, days passed into weeks, and Tom and little Kitty became very much attached to each other. Whenever Tom would go home he would find his little girl, as he called, waiting for him, and no one was like papa Tom. She had a great influence over Tom. He was more cheerful, and in teaching her little lessons, he had somewhere to spend his evenings, and would not go where intoxicating liquors of any kind were to be found. As I closed my shop at 6 P. M. and did not open on Sundays, he had a great deal of time to spend with the baby."

It was wonderful to note the change that had come over Tom. He was getting to be very saving, in fact miserly, in everything except as regards Kitty. On her he lavished everything he wished to, without regard to cost. She had by this time forgotten nearly everything about her past life, excepting mama, and said she wanted her to come and see little Kitty, but of course she was not old enough to understand why she did not."

During the summer we had several of the leading papers of the country insert a notice, (with a request to other papers to copy), particulars concerning the child, in hopes that friends of the little would see it, although he really did not want to give up his little protegee. Tom thought it right, and he thought it a point of honor, "For," said he to me one day, "although I have never been a father, and never expect to be, yet I know that if I had a child and it got strayed I should want the finder to inform me if possible."

We had the notice inserted to the effect that any person claiming the

child could address me and learn the particulars.

Along about the 20th of December I got a letter from a lady down in North Carolina, stating that she had lost a child at the time and place mentioned. This greatly surprised us, for we could not understand it.

A few days after I got a letter from the lady's lawyer explaining matters. It appears that Kitty's mother, with a lady companion, had been traveling through the New England States, and while stopping in Boston the child's mother had suddenly taken sick, and while stopping at the Tremont House the child had strayed away. The news has nearly caused the mother to be prostrated, and her companion advised her to leave for her home in the South, as the East winds of Boston were bad for her, and she might at any moment be taken so sick that it would be impossible to have her moved. It was only after a long talk and strong urging that she consented, and then only after her companion agreed to leave the matter in the hands of good detectives. The companion had the whole charge of the matter, and the child's mother had thought that everything possible was being done.

After the lady reached her home in the old North State she was taken very sick and had been confined to her bed for months, the first weeks of the time she was unconscious.

The woman who had acted as companion and advised and advisor was supposed to be a particular friend until her death, which was on a recent date, when it was discovered that she was an enemy, for on that death-bed a confession was made. The said confession was to the effect that she had long been an enemy in secret, and trying to injure her in every way possible, and had purposely lost the child when in Boston, and had left the note at the Tremont House, telling of the pretended suicide, the reason of this hatred, was because the child's mother had in years gone by, married the man that the dead woman loved.

That man, one of the noblest men that ever lived, had but one fault, or really bad trait, and that was the love of drink, and that fault, assisted by crafty insinuations of the supposed friend, caused a separation, and he is to-day I know not where, for he left his wife only a few months after their honeymoon.

The letter, which was quite a legal looking document, and very lengthy, further stated that his client, the lady, was on her way to Boston, and would be at the Tremont House, about December 25th, to claim her child, and prove her claim, which it was thought could be easily done.

Sure enough, the night before the 25th a note came from the Hotel, stating that the lady was there, and was to be pleased to see us on the following day. So when Christmas day arrived, and after our Christmas dinner had been disposed of, Tom, Kitty and myself started for the hotel.

Tom felt gloomy enough to think that he was to lose his little girl that he was thinking so much about of late, and as we got out of the coach his face bore anything but a pleased look.

The lady had left word with the clerk that if such a party as we represented should arrive during the day to immediately show them up to her private parlor, therefore we did not have to make many enquiries, but were shown parlor No. 12, the door was partly opened, and the little girl ran ahead, child fashion, and shouted "mama, mama." Tom followed, and then I heard the names,

"Tom,"

"Clara."

Kind reader, let us draw the curtain on the scene, and let the barber enjoy his Christmas alone with these two loves, and let us hope they never more will be parted; and Tom was "Papa Tom" after all, although he never knew before that he had a little Kitty.

**MEMORIAL HALL**

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From Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.

Memorial Hall of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, formerly dedicated and first used on the occasion of this year's Commencement exercises is, perhaps, the largest auditorium in the Southern States, certainly larger than any other at an educational institution; and it is believed to be the only Memorial Hall of the same character at any American seat of learning except Harvard. The building was made architecturally peculiar in order to be secure the best acoustic effects. Its dimensions are 136 feet by 128 feet and 52 feet from floor to rafters, there being no ceiling. The roof is supported by arches that reach from the basement to the comb, and there are no pillars. Its capacity is 4,000 persons, and like its architectural prototype, the Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, its acoustic properties are excellent.

The special features of the building is its real memorial character. The University of North Carolina has by far the largest roll of distinguished Alumni of all Southern institutions, except the University of Virginia. In the walls are inserted plain marble tablets, whereon are graven the names and the most notable events in the lives of the distinguished men of the University, its founders and its Faculty. The list includes President James K. Polk (class of '18), Samuel Johnson (a trustee), President of the Convention of 1788 and '89, which ratified the Constitution of the United States, Governor and United States Senator; D. M. Barringer (class of '26), Minister to Spain in 1849-'53; W. A. Graham (class of '74), Secretary of Navy 1850, Whig candidate for Vice President 1852, Governor and United States Senator; Rev. F. L. Hawks (class of '10), Rector of Calvary Church, New York City, 1849-'61, Historian of North Carolina; Willie P. Mangum (class of '15), President United States Senate 1842-'45; Dr. F. D. Lente, (class of '45), founder of American Academy of Medicine; William Bingham (class of '56), author of the Bingham series of Latin text books; and the names of several hundreds of other sons of the University who distinguished themselves in war, politics, letters of jurisprudence.

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